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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously cancelled)
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16. (currently amended) A bit insert comprising:
a pair of oppositely facing generally parallel side surfaces, a pair of oppositely inclined top surfaces extending between said side surfaces and a U-shaped depression extending upward from the bottom of said insert, wherein a vertical surface portion of said U-shaped depression provides mechanical resistance to displacement from a bit body and wherein the U-shaped depression forms a void that makes said insert approximately between 30%-50% by weight less than an insert of equal dimension without a depression therein.

17. (cancelled)

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18. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim ~~17~~ 16 wherein said U-shaped depression is smooth and does not include any sharp corners.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim ~~17~~ 16 wherein said vertical surface portion is generally between .05-.10 inches in height.

21. (previously cancelled)

22. (previously cancelled)

23. (previously cancelled)